

DEATHS.

ENGINEER Lucas, who was badly injured by the bursting of the donkey boiler on board the steamer *Amherst* near Malacca, is in a serious condition.

The steamer *Altamora*, which went ashore on the Blenheim Shoal a fortnight ago, put into Singapore on the 22nd inst. She was expected to go into dock for an overhaul.

FAKKOR and Heihow have also been freed from quarantine restrictions at Singapore. Hongkong and the whole of the China ports are now free, and emigration will probably proceed as briskly as ever.

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The rumour is published in Shanghai that four of the China Merchants' steamers are to be transferred to the Austrian flag, arrangements being almost completed by Mr Mandl.

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To-morrow morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam-launch *Daywing*, carrying the Bethel flag, will accompany any vessel hoisting cross pennant C, to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (Seamen's) Church, returning about 12.30.

In a cricket match at Shanghai, England beat Scotland by an innings and 123 runs.

Scotland scored five wickets, 86, and England 218 for five runs (W. H. Meule 94).

3rd day Shanghai on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd October.

'SHANGHAI in danger' is the title of an alarmist letter in the *N.-O. Daily News*. The letter discusses the places of refuge to which ladies and children might be taken in the event of the outbreak of war in the East.

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THE first and second teams of the Lincolnshire Regiment, who met on the 21st inst. for the fourth time to decide the final tie for the Singapore Association Football Cup, made another draw. This is said to be a record for a cup final in Association football. It is now proposed that the teams should toss.

WRITING on the subject of 'What we drink,' the *Strait Times* says 'the Asiatic habitually drinks municipal water neat, and the more conscientious milk dealers are beginning to prefer it to ditch water for the adulteration of milk.' Thou hast a pretty wit, Arnet; 't fallah, a pretty wit indeed.

The municipal authorities of Singapore have carried out an extension of the water supply at a cost of \$317,000. The reservoir now holds 615,000,000 gallons of water, sufficient with the lowest dry weather flow of the feeders to last Singapore for a period of two hundred days. The former limit of the supply was thirty days.

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A Koss correspondent, writing to the *N. O. Daily News* on 1945, sent something like

where are six Japanese army corps in Korea. They set out with orders to converge on Pingyang on 15th September, and, by outmanoeuvring the Chinese, we already know how successfully the generals carried out the orders given them. A couple of corps, starting from Genan had orders to cut off the retreat of the Chinese northward.

The *China Gazette* of the 24th inst. reports anti-foreign attacks at Peking. On the 15th inst. Mr I. T. Headland, Professor of Mental and Moral Science at Peking University, and Mrs Headland, had been set upon, stoned and beaten by the

Other foreigners have been similarly treated and there is great uneasiness. Thousands of Shensi soldiers are daily passing through on their way to Tunchow.

The bubonic plague appears to be identical with the epidemic among the Philistines and in the border towns of the Israelites, as described in the fifth and sixth chapters of the first book of Samuel. The term used there is one which, according to modern medical opinion, points conclusively to buboes in the groin; and the reference to the epidemic seems to bear out the resemblance. The epidemic first broke out in Ashdod:

When there was a great procession to Gath, making the Ark which had been captured from the Israelites, and the plague next spread to Gath. The other five cities were afflicted in the same way, and ultimately the Philistines sent back the Ark, which they thought caused the disease. They associated with it to the Israelites, as a religious offering, images of the human buttocks and also of mice, in gold, one for each city; the plague having probably affected mice as well as human beings. There is no separate mention of rats; but that may be accounted for in two ways. The rat is believed not to have existed in Palestine at that time, but that may be a mistake.

forth. But even if it had been there, it is not unlikely that the one word would be used to cover both rats and mice. After the Ark returned to Bethaneseb, that place was also visited with plague, but subsequent elaborate ceremonials in which there was a great deal of what may be considered the cleansing and disinfecting of those days, seem to have resulted in stamping out the disease. As in Hongkong and Canton, as in Palestine, the mortality at that time was very high—fifty thousand in one city, within a short time; and afterwards men that did not seem to be afflicted with the mephitic (7 Sam. v. 12).

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